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SUBJECT: GOI REACTION TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN'S ADDRESS ON US PACIFIC POLICY

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DARUSMAN ON MARCH 7, DAS GLEYSTEEN REVIEWED USG POLICIES TOWARD EAST ASIA AND, IN THIS CONTEXT, QUERIED DARUSMAN ON HIS REACTION OT DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN'S STATEMENT. IN RESPONSE, DARUSMAN STATED THAT THE GOI HAD FOUND IT REASSURING, FOR HE STRONGLY BELIEVED THAT STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA DEPENDED ON A BALANCE OF INTERESTS AND FORCES BETWEEN THE US, THE USSR AND THE PRC. IF ONE OF THESE NATIONS SHOULD LESSEN ITS INTERST, THE OTHER TWO WOULD FILL THE GAP. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN, HE DECLAREDN AND THEREFORE THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN PARTICULAR WAS MOST IMPORTANT. NEVERTHELESS, INDONESIAN VIEWS ON MILITARY BASES IN THE REGION CONTINUED IN PRINCIPLE TO BE NEGATIVE AND INDONESIANS TENDED TO VIEW US MILITARY BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE.

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2. WHILE REASSURING DARUSMAN ON AMERICAN INTENTIONS IN ASIA, GLEYSTEEN, IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT ON THE PHILIPPINE BASESS, POINTED OUT THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF THESE BASES AND THOSE IN JAPAN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF US POWER ANDPRESENCE DESIRED BY THE GOI.

3. COMMENT: THE DARUSMAN STATEMENT ON PHILIPPINE BASES

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REMINDS ONE OF MALIK AND REFLECTS THE THINKING OF ONE SIDE OF INDONESIAN PLICY. THE OTHER, OF COURSE, IS REPRESENTED BY THE MILITARY WHICH PRIVATELY SUPPORTS THE CONTINUED US MILITARY PRESENCE.
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